

**REMARKS**

Claims 8, 15, 18, 21, and 22 are pending and under consideration. Claim 16, 17, 19, and 20 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. This amendment is submitted to place the application in condition for allowance, and entry thereof is earnestly solicited. Further reconsideration is requested based on the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

**Allowable Subject Matter:**

The Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of claims 8, 15, 18, 21, and 22.

**Conclusion:**

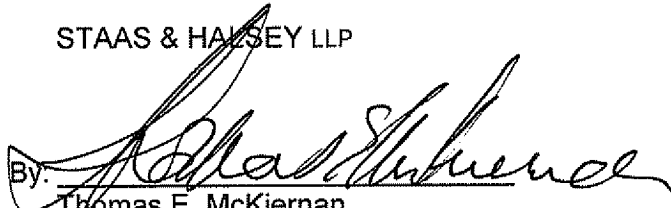
Accordingly, in view of the reasons given above, it is submitted that all of claims 8, 15, 18, 21, and 22 are allowable over the cited references. Allowance of all claims 8, 15, 18, 21, and 22 and of this entire application is therefore respectfully requested.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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